

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SARR AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2022
(Last date for the receipt of nominations/application is November 15, 2022)

The Society for the Advancement of Rice Research (SARR) has instituted various awards for recognizing significant contributions of senior, middle level and young scientists to promote agricultural research in general and rice research in particular. These awards will be presented for the first time at the International Conference on System of Crop Intensification (ICSCI 2022) organised by the Society, to be held during 12-14 December, 2022. Nominations/Applications from the eligible members of the Society for the Advancement of Rice Research (SARR members) are invited for the under mentioned categories of awards.

1. SARR Young Scientist Award
2. Dr. R. Seetharaman Best PhD thesis Award
3. Dr. B. Mishra Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team in Rice Research
4. SARR 'RICE' (Research Innovation – Cost Effective) Medals
5. Dr. SVS Shastry SARR Fellow

In addition to these, the society also instituted Dr. SVS Shastry Honorary Fellow Award and SARR Best Research Paper Award (From the research papers published in the Journal of Rice Research), for which applications are not required. SARR Best paper presentations and Best Poster presentation were also included in the forthcoming International Conference (ICSCI 2022).

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SARR AWARDS

- a) The awards are open to all the Indian Scientists who have worked/working, in India or abroad, in the field of rice research and development subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria laid down for the respective award.
- b) The candidate must be Annual or Life Member of the Society for the Advancement of Rice Research.
- c) No member of the Executive Council (EC) of the Society shall be a member of the Judging Committee/ Evaluation Committee.
- d) No member from the Executive Council (EC) of the Society, particularly President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer can apply for any of the Award during their tenure.
- e) The EC may constitute one or more Evaluation Committees for recommending names for SARR Awards
- f) The recommendations of the Evaluation/Search Committee shall be final and the recommendations shall be placed to the EC for final approval. The awards will be

confined to the numbers given in the advertisement. In no case, the number of Awards will be increased.

- g) Evaluation for all the SARR Awards shall be made based on score system developed for each award. The awards shall be given strictly on merit.
- h) The Society will provide single III AC railway fare to the recipient from the place of his/her residence to the place of Conference/ meeting and back, in case the recipient fails to get the same from his/her organization.
- i) If the applicant desires, he/she may send an advance copy, but the action will be taken only when the application is received, duly sponsored by the University/Institution concerned.
- j) One copy of the applications/nominations for Award in the prescribed Proforma, duly completed in all respects and supported with one copy of documentary proof for eligibility, one copy of reprint of publications and testimonial in support of the information in the application may be routed through proper channel to the Secretary, Society for the Advancement of Rice Research, ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500030. Last date of receipt of application/nominations is November 15, 2022. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format

1) SARR BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Posters presented during the different sessions/themes of International Conference on System of Crop Intensification (ICSCI 2022), organized by the Society are judged by a Committee and the first and second prizes carrying a certificate are awarded for each theme during the concluding session of ICSCI 2022.

2) SARR BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD

Papers presented during in different sessions/themes of International Conference on System of Crop Intensification (ICSCI 2022), organized by the Society are judged by a Committee and the best paper presentation will be awarded a certificate in each theme during the concluding session of ICSCI 2022.

3) SARR YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

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This award was instituted to encourage young scientists working in India who made significant contributions in rice research and development. The selected candidate is awarded with a cash prize of Rs 5000, a Medal and a Citation.

Eligibility:

- Ph.D. in Agriculture or in allied sciences in the disciplines related to agriculture (specific to rice) from any recognized University/Institute
- At least five years of professional experience on rice research
- Age should be not more than 40 years as on December 31, 2021

- Should be a life member of SARR
- Should have published at least 2 papers in JRR
- The nomination should be forwarded by the Head of the Department/Institution
- A Committee will be constituted by the Executive Council of SARR to evaluate the applications and the recommendations of the Committee have to be approved by the Executive Council, SARR
- The awardee shall deliver a talk based on his/her contributions submitted for the award

4) Dr. R. SEETHARAMAN BEST PHD THESIS AWARD – One Award

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This award was instituted to recognise high quality fundamental and applied research done by Ph.D. scholars in India related to rice research and development. This is an annual award open to all Indian students in rice related research and development. The award carries a certificate, a medal and cash prize of Rs. 10,000. The thesis should have been completed in the year 2021.

Eligibility:

- Should have completed PhD
- Research work for PhD thesis should be exclusively on rice
- Should be a life member of SARR before applying for the award
- Must have received the Doctoral degree or provisional degree certificate during the preceding year of the award
- Application should be forwarded by the Head of Department where PhD work was done
- A letter stating that the work has not been submitted for any other award
- Constituted Committee will take the decision

Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format

5) Dr. B. MISHRA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN RICE RESEARCH – One Award

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SARR has constituted Team Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Rice Research to recognize, encourage and promote the interdisciplinary research in the country. This award is exclusively meant for interdisciplinary team of scientists for jointly planning and implementing integrated programme/project of rice research. One award (across all streams of agricultural sciences) would be given annually. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 besides, Memento, Certificate and Citation.

Eligibility:

- Rice scientists working in All India Coordinated Rice Improvement (AICRIP) engaged in interdisciplinary team research in India in the specified subject areas are eligible.

- The team must have scientist-level representation from a minimum of three well-recognized disciplines (i.e. Crop Improvement, Crop Production, Crop Protection and Social Sciences).
- They must have been working on an integrated research project dealing with an inherently interdisciplinary problem in a system based, problem solving mode.
- Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the team of scientists.
- Self-nomination by the leaders of the team, duly supported by proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted.
- Application should be forwarded by the Competent authority
- All applicants should be Life members of the Society
- A high level evaluation committee will be constituted for this AWARD to judge outstanding contributions of the team.

Evaluation Criteria (relative score):

- Inherently interdisciplinary nature of the research problem (10)
- Technological, socio-economic relevance and priority of the research work carried out as team work (15)
- Integrated organization and complementary quality of the tasks taken up by individual members of the team (10)
- Impact of the Technologies developed by the team (5)

Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format

6. SARR 'RICE' (RESEARCH INNOVATION – COST EFFECTIVE) MEDALS

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- The Society for Advancement of Rice Research (SARR), ICAR – Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, has instituted 'RICE' (Research Innovation-Cost Effective) Medal to recognize the innovative contributions of scientists to rice science.
- The medal will be awarded annually to the SARR life members who have contributed meaningfully towards development of an innovative product, technology, methodology or process related to rice science. Anybody who is applying can join as life member of the society.
- The contribution should be original, novel and uniquely add towards development of an end product or aid research progress, for providing cost effective solutions to problems of rice farmers. *It should not have been submitted for any other award or recognition elsewhere.*
- The Nominee should be a distinguished scientist associated with ICAR Institutes, ICAR recognized SAUs or UGC recognized Traditional Universities. His/her

contributions should have been recognized nationally and internationally and supported by significant publications and technology generations, *preferably in the field of rice research*.

- The upper age limit for the award is 50 years and only those who have not completed 50 years as on date of deadline for application submission, will be considered for the award.
- The medal consists of a brief inscription of the innovative contribution and a citation certificate. The medal will be abbreviated as 'RICE' (signifying – Research Innovation – Cost Effective)

A maximum of 4 medals will be awarded every year, one each in the following sections:

1. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Improvement)** - contributions in Plant breeding and Biotechnology
2. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Production)** – contributions in Agronomy/Crop Physiology/Soil science (Sponsored by SARR),
3. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Protection)** - contributions in Agriculture Entomology, Plant Pathology
4. **SARR RICE Medal (TTT and Social Sciences)** - contributions in Agriculture Extension, Agriculture Economics, Agriculture Statistics

- Medal Winners will be selected on the basis of their contributions in the field of **rice research, extension, development and policy** by an Evaluation Committee constituted by the Executive Council (EC).
- The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5000 and a certificate.
- The Evaluation Committee will be an independent body consisting of 6 members:
 - (1) The Chairman
 - (2) Four expert members, one each from the four sections mentioned above and
 - (3) Member Secretary

The Evaluation Committee and EC Members will not be eligible for applying for SARR RICE Medal. The evaluation of nominations will be based on the criteria described in prescribed proforma.

7. Dr. SVS SHASTRY SARR FELLOW – 4 Fellows per year

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- The Society for Advancement of Rice Research (SARR) has introduced Fellows Programme to recognize the contributions of scientists in rice science.
- The objective of instituting the Fellows is to recognize and felicitate the scientists for their significant contributions in improving productivity, profitability and resilience of rice and rice based systems; involve reputed scientists to harness their knowledge and expertise in accomplishing the goals of the SARR and promote the cause of SARR.
- The Nominee should be a distinguished scientist. His/her contributions should have been recognized nationally and internationally and supported by significant publications and technology generations with high impacts.

- The Fellowship will consist of a citation and medal funded by Late SVS Shastry family members. The Fellowship will be given annually
- The Fellow of the Society will be abbreviated as FSARR.
- A maximum of 4 Fellows will be inducted every year
- Fellows will be selected on the basis of their contributions in the field of rice research by an Evaluation Committee constituted by the Executive Council (EC).
- The Evaluation Committee will consist of 7 members: (1) Chairman; (2) four expert members, and (3) Member Secretary. The Evaluation Committee and EC Members will not be candidate for the Fellow.
- The evaluation of nominations will be based on the criteria described below
- Conferring of the Fellow: During National/ International Seminar or General Body meeting /AICRIP Annual Group meetings/ IIRR foundation Day during December 15-20.
- Once nominated, the nomination will remain valid for two to three years. The nominees may update the information, if required.
- The nominations for the award may be sent in the prescribed proforma and duly filled proforma should be sent to the SARR secretary (Email: secretarysarr@gmail.com).

8. Dr. SVS Shastry Honorary Fellow Award

- SARR has instituted this award to recognise and honour the Eminent Rice Scientists (National / International) or Eminent Life Members of SARR, whose contribution has been outstanding to be awarded Dr. SVS Shastry Honorary Fellow Award in recognition of their professional leadership, outstanding research contributions and service to research, extension development and policy in rice.
- Should be a life member of SARR for at least 10 years or he/she should be an outstanding rice researcher across the country or world
- Total number of such Fellows to be selected to be limited to One/two per year
- A Committee will select the Fellows and the recommendations of the Committee will be approved by the Executive body of SARR.
- The selected Fellows have to deliver Dr. SVS Shastry Memorial Lecture during an event hosted/jointly hosted by SARR and ICAR-IIRR.
- The Award carries a Memento and felicitation.

9. SARR Best Paper Award (From the research papers published in the Journal of Rice Research)

- The purpose of the Best Paper Award is to recognize and promote quality contributions to the Journal of Rice Research (JRR) and encourage young scientists, scholars and students who publish papers.
- All the authors of one Research article or Review article or Short Communication published in the JRR during June and December of every year (as a regular or special issue submission) are eligible for this award. There are no limits in the number of authors involved.

- The best paper will be selected by a committee. Special attention will be given to the originality and novelty of the paper content, and to its utility. Additional criteria will be fixed by the committee. Award will start from June 2022 issue onwards.
- All the published papers are automatically included in the list of papers for evaluation. No action is required.
- The “SARR Best paper award” includes a certificate and a Memento.